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LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 0286

DATE: August 16, 2007

TIME: 7:30 pm

PLACE: W. Alton Jones Campus - URI

Whispering Pines Conference Center

401 Victory Highway

West Greenwich, RI 02817

School Committee Members Present: Mary Anne Roll, Chair; Betty Robson, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; Richard Battistoni, Mary Varr, Julie Zito

Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent, Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, Melinda Smith; Mark Gadbois, Mary Carvalho, Margaret Knowlton, Monique Latessa, Kevin McNamara, Bruce Macksoud, Robert Martin, Linda Cliff, Constance O'Riley, Sarah Rawlinson, Joyce Ruppell, Christopher Cobain, Charlotte Tavares

Opening Ceremony

Right to Be Heard – None.

Superintendent's Report

171 Days – Adoption of New Graduation Date

Superintendent Fortunato explained the Commissioner of Education has mandated seniors attend school for 171 days prior to graduation which would require moving graduation from Friday, June 6, 2008 to Friday, June 13, 2008. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.

330 Minutes of Instructional Time K-12

Superintendent Fortunato explained in order to fulfill the obligation at the elementary level for the 2007-2008 school year and is recommending not having classes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 21st and the Friday before Christmas vacation, December 21, 2007. The six elementary schools would not be in session for students only; teachers, principals, secretaries, teacher assistants and custodians will be brought to work. Motion to modify the 2007-2008 school calendar in order to meet the requirement for 330 minutes of instruction by Robson for discussion. Seconded by Battistoni. The Superintendent worked with the principals and the union to have a fair resolution. It will have to be discussed district wide next year. School will begin at 9:00 for instructional time. Five minutes were cut from recess which still allows 25 minutes for lunch and five minutes were cut from lunch. Ten minutes were cut at the morning and the end of the day, giving 30

minutes every day. Letters will be sent to all families on August 20th.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget adoption 2007-2008 School Year

Lori Miller presented the budget reflecting personnel changes and the figure approved at the financial town meeting. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Teacher Appointments

Joyce Barr To: Resource Teacher – Central
9 Cullen Hill Road Effective: July 24, 2007
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: M-6 \$54,789

The Superintendent noted the prior approval for Resource Teacher – Central, Grade 4 was incorrect and Ms. Barr will be responsible for grades 2 through 5. Mr. Zangari noted this appointment read August 29, 2007 and the original appointment was made on July 24, 2007. Motion to approve the amended Superintendent's recommendation with a July 24, 2007 effective date by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resignations

William Varden From: LTS Chemistry Teacher - HS
220 East Greenwich Avenue Effective: July 30, 2007
W. Warwick, RI 02893

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**Courtney DeSousa From: .4 Spanish Teacher – HS
139 Wales Street Effective: July 30, 2007
Cranston, RI 02920**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Leave of Absence Requests

**Caroline Murgo From: Family & Consumer Science
617 Wales Street Teacher – High School
Cranston, RI 02920 Medical (paid)
Effective: 2007-2008 School Year**

**Motion to approve Robson. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

Old Business – None.,

New Business – None.

School Committee Reports – None.

Community Comments – None.

**Move to Executive Session for Businesses Pertaining to Personnel to
RIGL 42-46-6(a) 1 and 2 – Not needed.**

Adjourn

Motion by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE